

2021 ISD 88 Hall of Fame Bios

Charlotte Anderson – Teacher, 1950-1986

Charlotte's impact on the New Ulm public schools is immeasurable; she taught in the district for 37 years as a music instructor, first grade, and kindergarten teacher. She made a lasting impact on so many students through her caring and compassionate nature. She taught nearly 3,000 students during her time as an educator. After she retired, Charlotte helped establish The Wanda Gag Foundation, which was created to buy and restore the Gag house. She was unrelenting in her efforts to bring the house back to its heyday when Wanda Gag and family resided there. The restoration of the house took 20 years to complete, and Charlotte was there every step of the way. Charlotte admired Wanda Gag as an author and illustrator and shared in the same fondness for feline friends. In addition to her work with The Wanda Gag Foundation, Charlotte and her husband Hobart, established two scholarships for students in New Ulm and surrounding areas, one being a teaching-focused scholarship and the other, a health-related one. Charlotte was a lifelong learner and valued education, creating these scholarships allowed her to share that gift of learning with future generations. Charlotte's influence is still felt in our community by her legacy rooted in education and steeped in volunteerism.